

Gateway Middle School PTSA 7.3.72
Membership Meeting
November 8, 2021 @ 6:30 PM via Zoom

Present: Hai Evans, Eileen Sugimoto, Matt Bennett, Diana Arango, Sydney Taggart, Melissa Hinze, Alisha Crawley-Davis, Jenn Lyons, Kaitlyn Lyons, Craig Willis, Marcia Witherspoon, Nicole Fornicola, Theresa Henrichsen, Laura Bangerter, Irene Obispo, Deep Mangat

Meeting called to order at 6:32 PM

Welcome & Introductions: Hai, Eileen

Principal's Report: Matt Bennett

- Staff Appreciation provided by GWPTSA was very appreciated.
- In-person Parent-Teacher Conferences were successful.
- September and October Student of the Month nominations now open.
- "Let's Connect" sessions are very informative and recommended. Next session: Monday, 11/15 (6:00 PM)
- ASB Fundraiser raised over \$20,000.
- Thanksgiving Break now includes Wednesday (day prior to Thanksgiving).
- Live Socials: 6th Grade had theirs last month, 7th Grade will have theirs this month, 8th Grade will be next month.
- Training underway for introducing "Natural Leaders" Parent Group to Gateway Middle School.
 - During Mr. Bennett's presentation, one GWPTSA member attendee in attendance (Deep Mangat) expressed an interest in being a part of Natural Leaders as well as any Multicultural Nights/events.

Staff Liaison Report: Diana Arango

- Gateway staff expresses a "thank you" to GWPTSA for treats provided during conference week.
- Coffee Cart was well-received and appreciated.
- GWPTSA accomplished its staff goal for membership.
- Gateway staff had a lot of positive feedback from the in-person conferences.
- SBA Testing occurred last month, for the first time in nearly two years. Students took the testing seriously.

Secretary Report: Craig Willis

- September Membership Minutes reviewed. Minutes approved as presented with unanimous support.

Treasurer Report: Marcia Witherspoon

- Financial Review completed by Alisha Crawley-Davis, Eileen Sugimoto, and Melissa Hinze during October.
- September Financial Report reviewed and approved as presented.
- October Financial Report reviewed. Bank statement not yet received to confirm reconciliation.
- 990N Filing is complete.
- AIM Insurance renewed for \$485.00, same as budgeted.
- GWPTSA Resale Certificate renewed. Certificate expiration: January 24, 2026
- No claims to insurance. Books are available for review.

Membership Report: Alisha Crawley-Davis

- 246 members at time of meeting.
- Sonja Vaughan won the GWPTSA Fall Membership Contest.
- Gateway staff very appreciative of the donated treats and Coffee Cart.

Fundraising Report: Jenn Lyons

- AR Workshop to work with GWPTSA, with Grab-and-Go option. Date to be set soon.
- “Smith Brothers” fundraiser to take place during December.
 - Smith Brothers will donate \$50 to GWPTSA for every Gateway family that signs-up for new subscription.

Volunteers Report: Melissa Hinze

- Some people have shown interest in volunteering to help distribute Guardian Wear.
- Some people have shown interest in volunteering to help Grants Committee.

Staff Appreciation: Melissa Hinze

- 72 staff members were served at the Coffee Cart.
- “Thank you” to all Gateway families who donated food for staff members.
- Cake was presented for Gateway staff members with August, September, and October birthdays.
- Plans to have pie/slice donations for Monday of Thanksgiving week. SignUpGenius to be setup soon.

Committee Reports:

- **Guardian Wear:** Nicole Fornicola announced 90 orders thus far during the school year, with distribution planned for next week. Some orders were cancelled by vendor due to supply chain issues; GWPTSA might re-evaluate Guardian Wear vendor prior to Spring 2022 sales.
- **Communications:** Laura Bangerter asks for GWPTSA Board members to contact her if any website updates are needed, while Jaishrie Bhattacharya has been doing eBlast newsletters and some Facebook posts.
- **Reflections:** Eileen Sugimoto mentioned Pallavi Singh is leading the program at Gateway, and the due date for Reflections submissions at Gateway is Friday, November 12.
- **Grants & Reimbursements:** Theresa Henrichsen expressed a “thank you” to Jenn Lyons, Kaitlin Lyons, Laurie Dunlap, and Melissa Hinze for offering to help review grant requests. Three staff members submitted requests:
 - **Monica Camp:** Will use grant to purchase black light concert equipment.
 - **Dyann Swaney:** Will use grant to purchase a variety of art supplies.
 - **Pamela Weaver:** Will use grant to purchase a “Breezin’ Thru Theory” music program package.

Meeting adjourned at 7:18 PM

Submitted by Craig Willis, Gateway PTSA Secretary